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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action July 16, 2001, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from October 16, 2001 to and inclu January 16, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$920.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087 999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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